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culturing the leafy gall or shoot outgrows in or on one or more suitable culture media to induce shoot and root development for obtaining plantlets, and

transferring the plantlets thus obtained, [optionally after acclimatisation,] to conventional growing conditions to obtain regenerated plants.

Please add the following Claims:

9. The method of claim 2 wherein the plantlets are acclimatized before conventional growing conditions to obtain regenerated plants.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the plantlets are acclimatized before conventional growing conditions to obtain regenerated plants.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to conform with the rules of practice before the Patent and Trademark Office. The specification has been amended to recite the International Application and priority application. The word "CLAIMS" has been deleted and substituted by "WHAT IS CLAIMED IS" so that subsequently appearing claims will be the object of a sentence as specified by MPEP § 608.01(m). As a result of this preliminary amendment, Claims 9-10 have been added and Claims 1-8 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-10 are presented for examination. No new matter is being added herewith.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number appearing below.

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